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STATE FOR DRL/MLGA DANIKA WALTERS

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SUBJECT: LIKELY CANADIAN SUPPORT FOR PRISONERS OF  
CONSCIENCE DECLARATION

REF: STATE 40380

Classified By: PolMinCoun Scott Bellard, reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

¶1. (C) According to Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) Human Rights, Gender Equality, Health, and Population Division official Chantale Walker, Canada is "sympathetic to the goals" of the US-EU Prisoners of Conscience Declaration, and has no specific concerns with it. Walker stated that Canada would likely support the resolution as long as the US and EU receive broad support from other UN members, including non-Western countries.

¶2. (C) Action requests:

- Canada requests information on whether the US expects broad support for the resolution, including from non-Western countries;
- Canada also requests information on when the US and EU will require countries to make final decisions on co-sponsorship, and when they will enter the declaration into the record.

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